



EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION HELD  
THE MUNICIPAL BOARD OF ORMOC CITY, PHILIPPINES, IN ITS  
SESSION HALL ON FEBRUARY 6, 1954

Date: 2/11/54

Ormoc City

PRESENT:

Actg. City Mayor Roberto B. Almaden..Presiding Officer  
Hon. Guillermo T. Parrilla.....City Councilor  
" Esteban C. Conejos....." "  
" Usualdo F. Laguitan....." "  
" Teotimo Ocubillo....." "  
" Alvaro I. Gutierrez....." "  
" Emilio C. Penserga....." "

ABSENT:

Hon. Jorge S. Tan.....City Councilor  
" Teofilo S. Tan....." "

RESOLUTION NO. 22

WHEREAS, Councilor Esteban C. Conejos manifested before the Honorable Members of the Board that the financial condition of the City Government of Ormoc is very precarious due to deficits incurred in the operation of the different departments of the city in the previous and current fiscal years; and therefore suggested to temporarily abolish the positions vacated in the Police Department by policemen who were separated from their services by the City Mayor and that the same position be declared vacant until the Municipal Board can adopt and approve an appropriation ordinance for the fiscal year 1954-1955;

NOW THEREFORE, the Board, on motion of Councilor Esteban C. Conejos, seconded by Councilor Teotimo Ocubillo;

BE IT RESOLVED, as is hereby resolved to temporarily abolish the positions vacated in the Police Department by policemen who were separated from their services by the City Mayor and that the same positions be declared vacant until the Municipal Board can adopt and approve an appropriation ordinance for the fiscal year 1954-1955;

FINALLY RESOLVED, to furnish copy of this resolution each to the Hon. Secretary of Finance, Manila; the Hon. City Mayor, Ormoc City; City Treasurer, Ormoc City; City Auditor, Ormoc City; Chief of Police, Ormoc City.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the above-quoted resolution.

*Ramon Bantasan*  
RAMON BANTASAN  
Secretary

APPROVED:

ROBERTO B. ALMADEN  
Actg. Vice Mayor & Actg. City Mayor  
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

EDILBERTO S. MAGLASANG  
Secretary to the City Mayor

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Republic of the Philippines  
OFFICE OF THE CITY MAYOR

Ormoc City

V E T O

VETO OF RESOLUTION NO. 32 PASSED BY THE HONORABLE  
MUNICIPAL BOARD, ORMOC CITY, ON FEBRUARY 6,  
1954, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SEC.  
14, ARTICLE III, REPUBLIC ACT NO. 179.

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Pursuant to the provisions of Section 14, Article III, Republic Act No. 179, I disapprove, as it is hereby disapproved, Res. No. 32, passed by the Honorable Municipal Board, Ormoc City, on February 6, 1954, on the following grounds:

(1) From the tenor of Res. No. 32 of the Honorable Municipal Board of Ormoc City, the same refers to eight (8) members laid-off by the undersigned on January 27, 1954, to five (5) members laid-off by the undersigned on January 28, 1954, and nine (9) members laid-off on January 29, 1954, creating a total vacancy of 22 members of the Police Force. The underlying reason behind the resolution is the precarious condition of the finances of the City, as manifested by a certain member of the Honorable Municipal Board.

(2) The twenty-two (22) members of the Police Force is a part of the seventy-five (75) members of the Police Force, the plantilla of which had been approved by the Department of Finance on October 17, 1953, which approval contemplates or presupposes the ability of the City to pay the services of the members of the Police Force and, for that matter, all employees of the City Government are covered by the said approved plantilla for the fiscal period July 1, 1953-June 30, 1954.

It is, however, interesting to note, and the resolution is tainted with suspicion, that the question of precariousness of the financial condition of the City was timed when the undersigned laid-off twenty-two (22) members of the Police Force when, if the Honorable Body acted in good faith, it should have done so before the change of administration of this City.

(3) If the twenty-two (22) positions were not filled up in due time the Police Department could have become undermanned and would have caused a serious destruction in the enforcement of peace and order of the city, the Police Force being the only arm and agency to do it. In fact, the former force of 66 members was increased to 75 members by the Hon. Mun. Board because that Body had found out that the 66 members thereof were not sufficient for the maintenance of peace and order of this city, Ormoc City having a population of not less than 65 thousand people scattered within a very wide and extensive territory.

(4) Besides, Res. No. 32 is contrary to the mandate of the Charter of Ormoc City requiring the Board itself to establish and maintain an efficient Police Force (letter (i) Section 15, Art. III, R. A. No. 179, to enact ordinances for the maintenance and preservation of peace and good morals (letter (s) Section 15, Art. III, R. A. No. 179 x x x.) By laying off 22 members of the Police Force and not replacing them the enforcement of peace and order in the City will be seriously disrupted.

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(continuation - Veto on Res. No 32 of the Mun. Board by the Mayor)

(5) Furthermore, the question is moot and academic as the resolution when passed by the Municipal Board and receipt of which was acknowledged by this Office on February 11, 1954, the positions vacated were already filled up by qualified members of the old Police Force who were compelled to resign because of the change of administration.

DONE IN THE CITY HALL, Ormoc City, Philippines, on this 19th day February, In the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Fiftypfour.

  
ROBERTO B. ALMADEN  
Actg. Vice Mayor & Actg. City Mayor

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